

**TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF November 7, 2019**

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ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on November 7, 2019 at 6:37 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: W. Felch, J. Hintz, B. Salm were in attendance. Also present were T. Birchell, T. Fleming, J. Jontry, B. Lobermeier and 7 others. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: A MOTION (Hintz, Salm) was made to accept the Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported the crew has been finishing up summer projects and preparing equipment for winter. Some roads have not had a final grading due to early frost. Winter road sand delivery was received. R. Schwai asked for an update on Squaw Creek; B. Felch stated it is behind schedule due to weather.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *Fire Department #1:* B. Lobermeier reported two mutual calls for structure fires, four EMS calls and one fire call. Personnel have attended training sessions and meetings and three firefighters completed a training course. *Fire Department #2:* T. Birchell reported one EMS call and the department is working on training and pump testing.

CEMETERY REPORT: The Board reviewed and accepted the written report provided by M. Behling. D. Lapp stated a flagpole was bent by the caretaker and will need to be replaced, and inquired about who would be responsible for the cost. This expense would be covered by the cemetery account. J. Jontry will contact M. Behling. B. Ernst may know who to contact for replacement.

PARK FALLS AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR ANNUAL DONATION: Michael Bablick presented the annual PFACDC report and 2019 updates including the sale of Flambeau River Papers, the departure of Shopko and Sears, and the completion of the bleacher project at the high school. Additional information included providing loans to local small businesses; Forward Bank replacing First National Bank and their plans for rejuvenating downtown Park Falls; a sea plane base at the Park Falls airport including three new hangars, mechanics and aviation fuel. The Board approved the request for the annual \$1,250 contribution. **MOTION (Hintz, Salm) to make the annual \$1,250 contribution to the PFACD. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).**

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 TOWN BUDGET, WITH A TOWN TAX LEVY OF \$270,869; FIRE DEPARTMENT #1 LEVY OF \$88,641; FIRE DEPARTMENT #2 LEVY OF \$67,941 AS APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: A MOTION (Salm, Hintz) was made to adopt the 2020 Town Budget with a Town tax levy of \$270,869; Fire Department #1 levy of \$88,641 and Fire Department #2 levy of \$67,941. Roll call vote: Felch – aye; Hintz – aye; Salm – aye. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM AD-HOC TRANSFER SITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: T. Lanham reported the committee had one meeting to discuss ideas for keeping non-Fifield taxpayers from using the transfer sites. They also met with D. Brandt and R. Balzar to discuss issues. J. Nelson stated they have drafted an ID card to be sent to taxpayers with the tax bills. There will be a timeline for training residents to use the cards; from January 1 through April 15, 2020 residents will be permitted to utilize the transfer sites without the card, but instructed to bring the card with them next time. After April 15th the card will be a requirement and no one will be permitted to use the sites without presenting the card. The Committee is researching a new fee structure so disposal is not costing the town money, and determining what constitutes a business (e.g., farms). The Board felt this was a good start and asked about the cost for printing the cards. J. Nelson stated it is less than \$50 for 1000 cards. D. Lapp asked how ongoing problems with illegal dumping would be handled; the committee will continue to discuss this issue and make suggestions to the Board. The Board approved printing the ID cards. J. Nelson will provide the ID card mock-up to J. Jontry, who will then make the printing order and send the cards out with the tax bills in December.

UPDATE ON DAM ROAD PROPERTY PURCHASE: J. Jontry contacted Slaby, Deda & Marshall regarding required legal paperwork for making the property purchase. An Offer to Purchase was executed by Attorney Christina Writz and signed by B. Felch. Attorney Writz will contact us when the Offer to Purchase is returned and advise on next steps.

UPDATE ON FR 142/TWIN LAKES ROAD: As stated in the Town Crew Report, the project is currently behind schedule due to weather.

DISCUSS U.S. DISTRICT COURT VIOLATION NOTICE AND FINE TO T. FLEMING: Copies of the violation notice were provided to the Board, indicating a \$230 fine to T. Fleming for painting trees at the Squaw Creek project area. J. Hintz stated this is not correct as the issuing officer is not on the ticket, and we should hire an attorney to fight it. T. Fleming said it would mean additional expense to the town for attorney and court fees as well as travel to Milwaukee or Madison. B. Felch read a letter from M. Fulman regarding the matter. The Board agreed to have the Town pay the ticket but J. Hintz wants an attorney to look into it. B. Felch stated he will speak with Attorney Dieckman. **MOTION (Hintz, Salm) to pay the ticket on behalf of Ted Fleming in the amount of \$230. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).**

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01, PENALTY TO PRIVATE SNOWPLOWERS DEPOSITING SNOW ON TOWN ROADS: J. Jontry presented a draft of the resolution provided by L. Lamoreaux and discussion ensued about the issue of snow being plowed onto roadways. There is currently a County resolution in place but it does not provide for a monetary penalty. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: B. Salm said she received a check with a note from a resident about how old our Christmas lights are and asked if there is money for replacement. J. Jontry stated there is a Christmas Decorations line item with a budget of \$500. T. Fleming stated we are limited as to where we can place decorations; new ones would need to be done with an electrician. J. Jontry provided a copy of the memo from C. Pagel regarding human resources updates and her request to meet with the Board. The Board opted to schedule the meeting for December 18th, 5 – 6:30 p.m.; this will be an open meeting. J. Jontry received the new Union contract from A. Kaseno and provided it to B. Felch for signature.

REVIEW INVOICES: **MOTION (Hintz, Salm) to accept invoices for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).**

ADJOURN: **A MOTION was made at 8:20 p.m. (Salm, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer J. Jontry, Town Clerk/Treasurer